

Docket No.: NEB-154

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Evans EXAMINER: W. Moore
APPLICATION NO.: 09/249,543 GROUP: 1652
FILED: February 12, 1999
FOR: Intein-Mediated Protein Ligation Of Expressed Proteins

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE C

Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on August 13, 2002 and again on January 9, 2003. The Examiner confirmed in the telephone conference of January 9, 2003 that the present Office Action is **not** under final examination owing to the introduction of new rejections on page 4 of the Office Action.

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are presented.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, lines 6-13, please amend as follows:

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